



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

### Transfiguration of Our Lord February 14, 2021

New Life Lutheran Church  
Pearland, Texas

10:30AM



*New Life Lutheran Church is a partner congregation of  
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

#### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

- ROOTED *in the Word*
- REFRESHED *in the Spirit*
- REACHING *into the Neighborhood & the World!*

#### TODAY @ NEW LIFE:

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME & NEWS



Open The Eyes of my Heart

**Verse**

1

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you  
*Repeat*

**Chorus**

2

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy

**Verse**

3

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you  
*Repeat*

**Chorus**

4

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy

**Bridge**

5

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
I want to see you  
*Repeat*

**Verse**

6

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you  
*Repeat*

Text: Michael W. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

C: whose Spirit is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. Amen!

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION



P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin — our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



## GREETING

P: Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; and may the inseparableness of the Holy Spirit be with everyone here!

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Children's Message

Sang Kim

*Each Sunday a special message is shared with all the children ages infants through 6th grade.  
All God's children are welcome!*



### FAITH 5 - READ

#### First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

<sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

<sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

<sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

<sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

<sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

<sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Here ends the reading.*

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*(Bold - verse for FAITH5)*

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

<sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of **Christ, who is the image of God.**

<sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

<sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**





P: The Good News of Jesus, Son of God according to St. Mark.

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!



# Gospel

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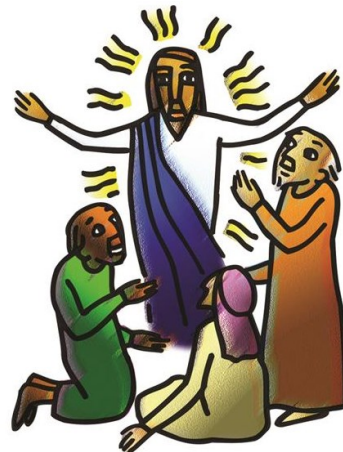
## READING

### GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## FAITH5 - PRAY

P: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For all who suffer this day (*especially*), that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



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P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



## THE OFFERING IS GIVEN

*Giving is good for the giver; promoting our trust in God and providing blessings to the world.*

### **TEXT GIVING is now available at New Life**

You can now tithe via text. Text to **281.864.3278**, add a \$\$ amount to the message box and send. A link will appear for a 1 time set up.

Once it is set up, it takes seconds to give again.

You can also give thru the New Life website [NewLifeLutheran.com](http://NewLifeLutheran.com). There is a give page and donate options on most of the tab's main pages. Checks can also be dropped off at the Church, placed in the offering plate or mailed in.

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

## THE OFFERTORY

**New Life Houseband**

**Giving Update: Giving for February: \$12,140.29**

**Need: (2021 Budget): \$25,974 for 46.7%**

*Thank You!*

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God,

C: receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere, to give you thanks and praise O Holy Father, our eternal and ever-present God. You sent us your Son, Jesus. In his love Christ has filled us with joy as we remember his birth and celebrate his return.

**C: Amen! Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."



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C: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

**C: AMEN!**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



P: Let us pray. Christ Jesus,

**C: at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.**

## FAITH5 - BLESS

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C: Amen!

## A SENDING SONG

### This Little Light of Mine



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| <p>1 This little light of mine,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>This little light of mine,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>This little light of mine,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine.</p> <p>3 Jesus gave his light to me,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Jesus gave his light to me,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Jesus gave his light to me,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine.</p> | <p>2 Everywhere I go,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Everywhere I go,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Everywhere I go,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine.</p> <p>4 Let it shine til Jesus comes,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Let it shine til Jesus comes,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Let it shine til Jesus comes,<br/>I'm gonna let it shine.<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine,<br/>Let it shine.</p> |
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## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.





# All are Welcome

## NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

### UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Feb. 14th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship**

**Valentine's Day Drive-Thru Flower Shop Feb. 14th - in front of Church**

**Ash Wednesday - Feb. 17th - 7pm**



ASH WEDNESDAY this week begins our church season of Lent, six weeks of reflection, repentance, and preparation for our Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Our weekly Lent Wednesday 7:00 p.m. devotional services will take the form of song, abbreviated liturgy, Scripture, devotional reading and prayer. Our Lent theme this year is Prayer: With Open Hands, based on the book by the same name by Henri J. M. Nouwen. **You are invited to attend** online through New Life's FaceBook livestream or in-person (with RSVP and pandemic protocols). May God's Spirit accompany us on our Lenten journey toward the Cross and the joy of Christ's resurrection.



**Lent 1 Feb. 21st - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship**

(Because of limited capacity, RSVPs are needed. "Don't forget to RSVP using the New Life Google form email by noon on Thursday of each week!")

**Lenten Wednesday Night Service - Feb. 24th 7pm**

**Palm Sunday - Mar. 28th**  
**Holy Week**



**Easter Sunday - Apr. 4th**



The **ABC** (Adult Bible Class) will resume in-person study at 9:30am on Sundays,  
in the Fellowship Hall + Social Distancing and Masks required +

#### Sunday Zoom Gospel Study

Join Pastor Bill in an online Zoom virtual

**Adult Christian Education - Bible Study** each Sunday at 9:30 am. Each 30-minute session will feature a study and discussion of the Gospel Reading of the day.

If you would like to join the class, please send your **name, phone number** and **email address** to [pastor@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:pastor@newlifelutheran.com) and Pastor Bill will send you a link to the Zoom meeting and instructions. Come join in the conversation online!

#### **Gospel Bible Study**

